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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gunter BAUER

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Examiner: James R. HARVEY

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Supplemental Response is filed as an adjunct to the Amendment filed October 15, 2002.

The Official Action dated June 14, 2002, contained an objection to the inventor-signed declaration, in that the number of the German priority application identified therein did not match exactly the application number on the certified copy of the priority document. The Declaration included a suffix, "-34", on the application number. Applicant explained, in the Amendment filed October 15, 2002, that this suffix was used internally in the German Patent Office, and that the two numbers on the certified copy and in the declaration uniquely identified this single German application.

In the event that the explanation is found to be unacceptable, attached hereto is a facsimile copy of a Substitute inventor-signed declaration. This substitute

declaration identifies the German Priority application as 100 18 020.5, which corresponds exactly to the application number on the certified priority document previously submitted.

Applicant believes that he filing of this substitute declaration should suffice to overcome the objection made in the most recent Official Action, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Passage of the application to issue at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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